



## **MCBCL PRESENTED WITH COMMANDER IN CHIEF INSTALLATION EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Secretary of Defense James Mattis recently announced the 2017 recipients of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. Included in the recipients was Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune (MCBCL), North Carolina under Commander Brigadier General Thomas D. Weidley.

The Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. Including MCBCL, there were five recipients of this highly competitive presidential award that were selected for their exemplary support of Department of Defense missions.

Installations compete on how well they achieve departmental objectives in several areas of installation management, including mission support, energy conservation, quality of life and unit morale, environmental stewardship, real property management, safety, health and security, communications, public affairs and community relations.

MCBCL was selected due to their strategic plan to promote growth, compatibility, and long-term viability for the community. The resulting innovations included collaboration between the base and the Defense Health Agency to support the Marine Centered Medical Home project to provide quality preventative medical care, and the installation entering into an agreement with the City of Jacksonville to share recreational facilities to provide access for youth sports programs that were previously unavailable.

MCBCL also promoted clean energy with the installation of solar photovoltaic systems, which generated over 18,000 megawatt hours of on-site renewable electricity in FY 2016. In addition, the installation piloted and adopted several force multiplying technologies to include: telematics to monitor vehicle diagnostics; electronic accounting for mess hall meals; geospatial map applications; online videos and digital installation information signs; an Enterprise Safety Application Management System; and Defense Wavelength Division Multiplexing technology.

The installation's FY2016 achievements also included the Public Works Division receiving the Secretary of the Navy Energy and Water Management Award; base Community Services winning four Food and Hospitality Excellence Awards; and the base newspaper receiving the award for the Best Newspaper in the Marine Corps.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's sustained excellence across a wide range of base support functions and in community relations exemplifies the commitment shared by all Marines,



Sailors, and civilians to the base's mission.

Excellent installations enable better mission performance and enhance the working and living conditions for military men and women and their families. Each of the winning installations succeeded at being the best in achieving excellence in performing installation management within their military service and the Defense Logistics Agency.

As recognition for this award, the Installation will receive a commemorative commander in chief's Award trophy and flag and a congratulatory letter from the president.

The other installations that received the 2017 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence were: U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany; Naval Base Kitsap, Washington; Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; Defense Supply Center Columbus, Ohio. Further information about the winning installation's accomplishments can be found at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/eie/>.